

As a follow-up to the February 26, 2009, DOECast related to events which occurred in the Central Library associated with the destruction of compact discs, we have completed environmental sampling of the Central Library area. The Central Library air samples, e.g., what could be breathable, were below detectable limits. This means that there is no indication that any employee received an exposure of any kind.

As a precaution, bulk samples were taken within the Central Library, COMSEC room, and the air return at the entrance to Central Library. This sampling indicated the presence of cadmium, barium, and lead. The samples at the air handling unit and those taken back inside the air duct showed that there was no detectable material at these locations. This means that no particles could have been transported through the air handling unit and duct work outside of the Central Library area. The identified metals are not associated with the process of disc destruction and are considered legacy residue. This means, as in the case of cadmium and lead, that perhaps a battery had been stored at one time. Due to the identification of these metals, we will be cleaning up the Central Library which will take about 5 to 7 days. Following the cleanup, aggressive sampling will be taken prior to reopening the Central Library just to ensure everything is fine.

Based on the results of the testing, we have no reason to believe that there is any detrimental effects to our employees or contractors associated with the activities which occurred in the Central Library.